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cc: Mr. Rankin Mr. Stern

> OT Mr. Rankin

FROM S. A. Stern

SUBJECT: CIA Filo on Oswald

Today, Friday, March 27, 1964, I met at CIA headquarters with Mr. Rocca to review the CIA file on Lee Harvey Oswald. The file contains those materials furnished to us previously by CIA. In eddition, it contains the following materials:

a. Cable reports from the CIA station in Mexico of Movember 22 and 23, 1963 relating to photographs of a person who had visited the Cuban and Soviet Embassics in Maxico City during October and November 1963; and reports on these cables furnished on November 23 by CIA to the Secret Service. These messages are accurately paraphrased in the attachments to the CIA memorandum of March 24, 1964 (Commission Document #674).

b. Cable of October 10 from CIA Mexico City station to CIA headquarters reporting on Oswald contact at Soviet Embassy, and October 10, 1963 message from CIA headquarters to Mexico City station of background information on Oswald. These messages are accurately reported in the CIA memorandum of January 31, 1964.

I did not review any materials later than November 23, 1963.

Mr. Rocca also showed me the "printout" of the references to Oswald documents in the CIA electronic data storage system. There was no item listed which we have not been given either in full text or paraphrased.

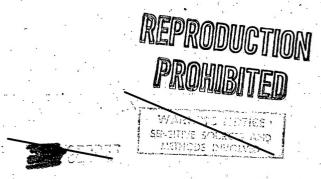
When I evidenced an interest in the CIA electronic data processing system, Mr. Rocca said that he would arrange a detailed explanation at a future visit.

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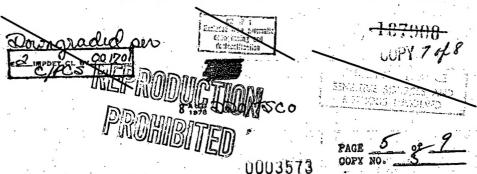
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

SUBJECT:

Information Developed by CIA on the Activity of Lee Harvey OSWALD in Mexico City, September 28 to October 3,1363

- 1. This refers to your letter Down 15, 1400 relating to information forwarded by 1500 regarding the activity of Lee Hervey CSWALD in Section 15, 1963.
- 2. The second paragreph of your letter raises a question with regard to reports on current aspects of investigation in Mexico, or concerning Mexican leads in the CSWALD case. Specifically, that paragraph seems to refer to speculative information provided the White House by Jose L. LASAGA which originated with Salvador DIAZ VERSON. CIA has sothing to add to the detailed investigation of this matter conducted by the Federal Bureau of investigation. We assume that the Commission is already in possession, or will be in the near future, of the details of the execute of that investigation.
- 3. CIA is cooperating very closely with the PBI in the development of another Menican lead, as is probably already known to the Commission. If in the course of this cooperation, CIA develops original, substantive material, it is our intention



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to report the details to the Commission concurrently with whatever is made available to the Commission by the FBL

- 4. The following replies are keyed to the numeration of your letter of February 10:
 - i. We are not in a position to supply copies of telegrams cont between the Soviet Embassies in Washington and Mexico City.
 - Translations of the two police interregation reports of Silvia DURAN are being forwarded to the Commission under separate cover.
 - 3. From all the evidence on hand, we deduce that CSWALD visited that the form of the first again some time the afternoop of 27 September 1 19 and again some time on 23 September 1 19 and once on the days mentioned, but we cannot excluse these possibilities. The wording in paragraph seven of our report, on pages four and five, is based on the statements of Silvia DURAN and means that OSWALD was at the Consulate at least once after his initial visit, and that this later visit was on the ofternoon of a day on which the Cuban Consultation phoned the Seviet Consulate about CSWALD's visa problem. This may well have been 23 September, but we cannot be certain of this conclusion.
 - 4. We do not know whether Coban Consulate archives contained information on CSWALD auto-dating his September-October 1963 visit. From the statements of Silvia DURAN, one could conclude that she had never heard of CSWALD until he visited the Consulate in into September 1963. The file on CSWALD which Silvia DURAN mentions is the one she opened on him at that time and which she looked up again when CSWALD's name was published as the probable assassin of President Kennedy.

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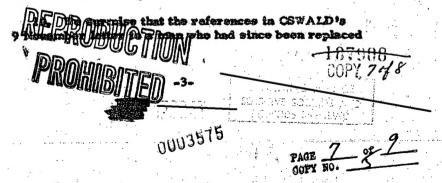
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- 5. We do not think it would be unusual for all the DURAN to tell OSWALD he could not have a Count transit vice unless he first got a Soviet vice. Such frank statements are quite common in consular practice, as far as we know.
- 6. We believe that Silvia DURAN's statement that CSWALD know no one in Cuba meant literally that, and this would mean that no one there could spensor him, wench for him, or insure that he would not become a public charge. On the other hand, the remark of the Soviet afficial would seem to imply that the Soviets had no previous record of CSWALD, at least in Mexico, if indeed the Soviet official was telling the truth.
- 7. We believe that CSWALD both telephoned to the Boviet Embassy or Consulate, and was interviewed by officials the PRADITION
- 8. We cannot be constructed that ID means by his alkinions to the principal. He were to Mexico while he was moving his institution for Crieans to Texas, and he may have acquired a may legge forwarding address in the process which he gave livet to the Cuban Consulate, then mislaid or forgot, and finally recovered from Cuban Consulate files so he could pass it to the Soviet Consulate. It could also be that he was talking about his Mexico City hotel address which he might have momentarily forgotten while at the Soviet Consulate.
- 9. The Cuben Consulate and Cuban Embassy in Menico City are separate offices located in separate buildings that stand on adjacent lots separated by a Cuban official parking let. The Cuban Consulate is on a corner at Marques and Zamora Streets and the Embassy is at 160 Marques Street. The Soviet Embassy and Consulate are both located in a large mansion with connected outbuildings.





must refer to Cuban Consul Eusebio AZCUE, who left Mexico for Cuba on permanent transfer on 18 November 1963, four days before the assassination. AZCUE had been in Mexico for eighteen years and it was known to us as early as September 1963 that AZCUE was to be replaced. His replacement did arrive in September. AZCUE was scheduled to leave in October but did not leave until 13 November.

We do not know who might have told CSWALD that
AZCUE or any other Cuban had been or was to be replaced,
but we speculate that Silvia DURAN or some Soviet official
might have been at the CSWALD complained about
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11. We have no additional information on CSWALD's activities in the live part of the investigation was handled by the returnal Eureau of investigation through its own facilities. All of our sources have been queried for further information but none has been developed. Neither pro- nor anti-CASTRO persons or groups have produced what we regard as hard information.

12. We can only guess why Silvia DURAN described CSWALD as a bloods. Perhaps his complexion seemed light to her, compared with that of most Latin Americans. When she was arrested, she had not seen CSWALD for about two months, but apparently she had noted him as a blood in her Consular records.

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